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A MEMORIAL

**REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO
CONDUCT A STUDY OF APPROACHES AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO ACHIEVE
ADEQUATE FUNDING FOR DWI PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES
STATEWIDE.**

**WHEREAS, driving while intoxicated remains a significant
problem in New Mexico; and**

**WHEREAS, municipalities and counties are currently engaged
in many programs, services and activities throughout the state
designed to reduce the incidence of DWI, alcoholism, alcohol
abuse, drug addiction and drug abuse; and**

**WHEREAS, the local government division of the department
of finance and administration manages the local DWI grant fund
and is charged with awarding grants and distributing funds to
support these programs, services and activities; and**

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1 WHEREAS, the need to expand the scope and number of these
2 programs, activities and services is growing as the state
3 continues to affirm its commitment to addressing the serious
4 problems associated with alcoholism; and

5 WHEREAS, new programs are being developed, including
6 victims assistance programs, and new services are being
7 identified, including sobering services, detoxification,
8 screening, assessment, referral and case management for clients
9 with alcohol, poly-substance or co-occurring behavioral needs;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, although the need continues to grow, funding for
12 these new programs and services has not been increased; and

13 WHEREAS, the demand for current funds in the local DWI
14 grant fund has been extended to fund drug courts; and

15 WHEREAS, adequate funding for all DWI programs, activities
16 and services should continue to receive a high priority; and

17 WHEREAS, liquor excise tax revenues could be distributed
18 to the local DWI grant fund to support current and expanded
19 programs, activities and services;

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
21 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the local
22 government division of the department of finance and
23 administration be requested to conduct a study of approaches to
24 achieve adequate funding for DWI programs, services and
25 activities statewide; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study be conducted in
2 collaboration with DWI affiliates of a statewide association
3 representing counties, DWI planning councils, the governor's
4 coordinator of DWI programs, representatives of the liquor
5 industry and representatives of community-based programs,
6 services or facilities that provide prevention, screening and
7 treatment of alcoholism and alcohol abuse; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study examine the
9 potential for increasing the distribution of liquor excise tax
10 revenues to the local DWI grant fund and that it examine other
11 funding mechanisms as may be identified; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study propose legislative
13 recommendations for adequate funding of DWI programs, services
14 and activities statewide; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the findings and
16 recommendations of the study be presented to the interim
17 legislative health and human services committee and the interim
18 revenue stabilization and tax policy committee by their
19 respective October 2005 meetings; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
21 transmitted to the secretary of finance and administration, the
22 director of the local government division of the department of
23 finance and administration and the chairpersons of the
24 legislative health and human services committee and the revenue
25 stabilization and tax policy committee.

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